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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0851

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NIMEIRI VISIT IRAQ

REF: KHARTOUM 832

1. WE NOW UNDERSTAND NIMEIRI'S RECENT MEDICAL PROBLEM (REFTEL) WAS LIMITED TO A SERIOUS SPRAIN PLUS HYPERTENSION. HE HAS TAKEN PRESCRIBED THREE-DAY REST AND PLANS DEPART APRIL 8 ON SCHEDULE FOR STATE VISIT IRAQ. PRESS REPORTS HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NEW MINFIN MAMOUN BIHEIRI, MINSTATE FONAFFS JAMAL MUHAMMED AHMED AND MINSTATE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS BAHHA AL-DIN AL-IDRIS (LATTER ALREADY IN BAGHDAD). WE NOTE NO SSU HIERARCHS IN PARTY.

2. COMMENT. CONTINUED PRSSING SUDANESE NEED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE, IN PART FOR OIL IMPORTS, IS SUBJECT SEPTTEL. WHILE NIMEIRI VISIT IRAQ OSTENSIBLY SIMPLY SETS CAPSTONE ON RESTORATION FRIENDLY SUDANESE/IRAQI TIES AFTER PERIOD COOLNESS DATING FROM 1971, INCLUSION MINFIN IN DELEGATION SUGGESTS PARTICULAR EFFORT MAY BE MADE PRY SOME UNTIED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OUT OF IRAQIS. THIS CONNECTION, CONCURRENT NIMEIRI STOPOVER IN
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KUWAIT TO FIRM UP GOK ASSISTANCE (PARA 4 KHARTOUM 721)

NOW SEEMS LESS CERTAIN. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HAS COMPLAINED

TO ME PRIVATELY RE GOS FAILURE TO PROCEED WITH STEPS REQUIRED
TO SET UP JOINT PERMANENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED AT END
AMIR'S VISIT. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR LEFT IMPRESSION GOK
AID WILL REMAIN TIED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR WHICH PROPOSED
JOINT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY. IF COMMENT
IN PARA 4 KUWAIT 1434 RE GOK BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AID TO
SUDAN WAS BASED ONLY ON PARA 4 KHARTOUM 721, SUCH KUWAITI
HELP MAY BE FURTHER DOWN PIKE THAN FIRST APPEARED. VIEW CURRENT
SUDANESE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS (SEPTTEL), MNIMEIRI MAY WELL HOPE
IRAQIS WILL BE LESS EXIGENT.
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